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SECOND COUNCIL.

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Saturday, the 7th August 1943.

The Council met in the Legislative Chamber at twelve noon, with Sachivottama Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar, K. C. S. I., K. C. I. E., LL. D., Dewan-President, in the Chair.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following new members were sworn in:

1. Mr. I. C. Chacko (*Chief Engineer*).
2. ,, A. S. Damodaran Asan (*Food Grains Purchase Officer*).
3. Dr. S. John (*Surgeon General*).
4. Mr. G. Narayanan Tampi (*Secretary to Government*).
5. ,, P. G. Narayanan Unnithan (*Excise Commissioner.*)
6. ,, K. G. Kunjukrishna Pillai (*Legal Remembrancer.*)
7. ,, A. Lakshminarayana Ayyar (*Financial Secretary to Government*).
8. ,, K. Madhava Kurup (*Director of Registration*).
9. Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai (*Chief Secretary to Government*).
10. Rao Bahadur T. V. Venkateswara Aiyar (*Conservator of Forests*).

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

A. V. M. Canal.

1. ***Mr. T. Krishna Pillai** (*Kalkulam and Vilavancode cum Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have accepted the recommendation of the P. W. D. Advisory Committee for the restoration of the A. V. M. Canal; and

(*b*) if so, the steps taken by them so far?

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Mr. I. C. Chacko (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Irrigation and Miscellaneous*): (*a*) The Committee's recommendation is under the consideration of Government.

(*b*) A provision of Rs. 1,000 is made in the budget for 1119 for preliminary investigation works.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: Sir, with regard to the answer to part (*b*) may I know whether investigation was not conducted in the past by competent Engineers and exhaustive reports submitted to Government?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: Sir, only preliminary investigations were conducted on previous occasions.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: Then, what is the necessity for providing another Rs. 1,000 for this preliminary investigation?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: This allotment is made to prepare a detailed estimate.

Food production and construction of new roads.

2. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan** (*Karunagapalli, Kartikapalli and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have opened any road anywhere with a view to encourage food production during the current year?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: No.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: May I know whether any requisitions were made for opening new roads by the public?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: No, not for the purpose of food production.

Salt for manure.

3. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether salt was purchased by any section of the public anywhere in Travancore for purposes of manure in the years 1116 and 1117;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, what was the total quantity purchased in those years for purposes of manure; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, what were the reasons for not purchasing the same?

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan (*Excise Commissioner*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 4 Mds. in 1116 and 28 Mds. in 1117.

(*c*) In view of answer to part (*b*) this question does not arise.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: With reference to the answer to part (*b*) may I know from the honourable member whether salt is not good as manure for agricultural purposes?

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